

Elisha Hildebrand Davis Jr.

1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography

Elisha Hildebrand Davis Jr., son of Elisha Hildebrand and Mary Ann Mitchell Davis, was born in Mt. Pisgah, Iowa, February 7, 1850. He emigrated with his parents to Utah in 1852 and coming to Lehi in 1858. Their home was a log house by the Mill Pond. His father was the miller at the Mulliner Grist Mill for ten years. Elisha learned the necessity of work and his desire was to have a home and plan for the future. He married "Lellie Stewart" of Pleasant Grove in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, January 31, 1871.

Elisha had strength of character, honesty, ambition, determination, and courage. Their home was built on the foundation of love and faith. He was a farmer, a stock raiser, high bred horse promoter, and inspector of better fruits.

He was a pioneer of irrigation. He, with Byron W. Brown and John Austin, surveyed the Bull River Ditch from Alpine to the Point of the Mountain with John Thomas riding ahead to drop pegs at the indication of hand. The ditch still stands and is in use.

He used wisdom early in life, by planting fruit trees, raising bees, etc. Elisha had made the adobes, hauled heavy timbers, and rock from the canyons to build their home, which in time was filled with laughter, and merriment of their children and the many friends who loved to join them.

They became parents of nine children. Those living are Pearl-Allred Broomhead, LeRoy-Nellie Powers, Sadie-Oliver Kittinger, Ruby-John W. Stoker, Arreva-Geo. Morris, Chelta-Alex Brown.

They performed a wonderful mission. He spent two years in England as a Latter-Day Saint Missionary, while she was left to oversee a farm and care for her

seven children. Chelta, the youngest was born during his absence. The children were each given two years of schooling at Brigham Young University in Provo, also advantages in music, art, etc.

They gave of life the best they had. “Lellie” passed away in December, 1932, quietly as she had lived. Elisha, with a prayer on his lips, in December 1937. His children are grateful for his wholesome living, his worthwhile teachings and the name he gave them to hear.